



'Worlds to Share at the 2004 MAACCE Fair!'

Annual Conference Planned for mid-June

"Worlds to Share at the 2004 MAACCE Fair!" is this year's theme for the annual Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education conference scheduled for June 16-18 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake Ozark. The theme coincides with the 1904 World's Fair held in St. Louis.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Tim Crowley from Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo., will be the conference keynote speaker.

"Dr. Tim" is known for his compassion, knowledge, positive attitude, and contagious sense of humor. He is reknown nationwide for his spectacular ability to captivate audiences by inspiring and educating them with remarkable stories, personal anecdotes and practical exercises. His presentation will offer attendees an opportunity to learn, laugh and lighten up. A gifted storyteller who captivates

young and old alike, audiences love his sense of humor, insights, and ability to make them laugh, think and then take action.

He is a Keynote Speaker, Corporate Trainer and Author who speaks throughout the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Tim holds a doctoral degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Stress

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Dana Eggleston

New Secretary Joins DESE-AEL Section

Dana Eggleston recently joined the staff at DESE-AEL as a Secretary II and is responsible for ensuring successful daily operations of the Adult Education section.

Not a newcomer to DESE, Dana came to the AEL Section from the Division of Career Education where she worked in the Business Education section.

Prior to that, she was employed at

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From The State AEL Office

CTE Students Finding Success in the Workplace

High School graduates in Colorado who complete career and technical education programs are finding jobs in record numbers, according to the Colorado Community Colleges System (CCCS). A report released by CCCS last December revealed that 96 percent of Colorado secondary CTE graduates found employment -- nearly 88 percent of them in fields related to their CTE education and training. Further, students with high school CTE have an unemployment rate in the state of only 3.6 percent, compared to 17.2 percent for youth in general.

www.acteonline.org/members/career_tech_update/ctu022504.cfm#headline1

Kennedy Hints at Amending 'No Child' Law

Citing frustration with how the Bush administration has implemented the No Child Left Behind Act, one of the law's chief congressional architects is suggesting for the first time that "corrective legislation" may be needed.

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Text Publishers Closely Watching State Budgets

Textbook publishers are closely watching state budget decisions amid predictions that the slow fiscal recovery in much of the country and the current lull in textbook-adoption cycles could spell short-term economic disaster for the industry.

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Data to Result in Title I Cuts for Some States

A bipartisan group of senators is seeking to reverse the Department of Education's plans to use updated U.S. Census data on child poverty to curb Title I spending.

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Should Gambling Help Fund Public Education?

Debate over gambling as a way to

help pay for public education is again raging in many state capitals. <http://www.youclick.net/GoNow/a15864a99071a111971110a20>

Paige Softens Rules on English-Language Learners

Secretary of Education Rod Paige recently announced two policy changes that will give states and school districts greater flexibility in handling students with limited English skills under the No Child Left Behind Act.

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'Report Card' Gauges State Preschool Efforts

A new "report card" on state-financed preschool programs concludes that states still have a long way to go to provide young children with high-quality educational experiences before they start kindergarten.

<http://www.youclick.net/GoNow/a15864a97998a111971110a8>

(Source for news briefs: "Education Week on the Web" --free registration to access articles.)

Internet Resources for Nonprofits

An almost endless amount of internet resources are available for nonprofits. The following is just a "sample" listing from the "Fast Fundraising Facts & Other Essentials" newsletter published by Jean Block Consulting, Inc.

The website www.onphilanthropy.com offers free e-newsletters and articles on nonprofits. Need some help on making your charity auction more successful? Get a free e-newsletter from www.benefitauction.com.

They have posted previous copies of the newsletter on that site, as well. For a listing of salaries in the nonprofit world showing total cash compensation for 92 jobs including executives, fundraisers, marketers, meeting planners, IT employees, researchers, attorneys and human resources managers, visit www.workforce.com/section/02/article/23/55/06. Another favorite site is www.raise-funds.com.

Tony Poderis is a real pro who shares his vast knowledge through succinct articles and other resources.

www.e-philanthropy.com has a free e-newsletter with information on online fundraising.

And visit www.NonEvents.com for assistance with fundraising through

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Computer Monitors: Tips to Achieving Optimal Display



Jamy Preul

Q. I was fooling around with the brightness and contrast settings on my monitor. Now, it's all messed up and I can't get it set correctly. What should I do?

A. That's not hard to do. There are so many options and variables to consider, including the type of video card and monitor that you have.

Before we get into the monitor's settings, make sure it's in the right place. To prevent eye strain,

your monitor should be at least 25 inches from your eyes, preferably more. Plus, you want the viewing area of the monitor to be between 15-degrees and 50-degrees below horizontal eye level.

Lighting is important, too. You want to use indirect lighting in your office or work area and avoid overhead fluorescent lights. If necessary, install blinds or shades to control outside light.

Most monitors have buttons that let you set brightness, contrast, focus, readability, convergence and more. In there, you may find a button that will bring the monitor back to its default settings. Those are the factory settings. Or better yet, your monitor may have come with software that helps set it up properly.

If your monitor did not come with software and you can't deal with the monitor's buttons, there is hope. Just download and use the Nokia Test. This free utility helps set any monitor for optimum display. You'll find it here:

http://www.construnet.hu/nokia/Monitors/TEST/monitor_test.html

DisplayMate for Windows is a more user-friendly program, but it costs \$69. Learn more about it here: <http://www.displaymate.com>

And by the way, a good monitor setting using the Internet is 800 X 600. Unless you have a minimum 19-inch monitor, Web pages will probably look too small at 1024 X 768. And if you use a lower resolution, such as 640 X 480, you might have to scroll from left to right to see the whole page. *This tip is from the Kim Komando website. For more tips, go to www.komando.com and search.*

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a virtual event.

Jean Block is a national consultant, speaker and trainer on Nonprofit

Management, Fundraising and Board Development. She also facilitates board and staff retreats. www.jblockinc.com

LINCS Special Collections Available

Are you looking for curriculum or classroom activities to use in your adult or family literacy practice? Are you researching professional development topics or seeking information on current policies or events?

The LINCS Special Collections are one-stop electronic gateways to specialized information on high-quality literacy practices and materials for use in adult education and literacy programs. LINCS Special Collections are built around specific content areas and professional development topics:

- Assessment
- Correctional Education
- English as a Second Language and Civic Participation
- Equipped for the Future
- Family Literacy
- Health and Literacy
- Learning Disabilities
- Policy and Legislation
- Program Leadership and Improvement
- Science and Numeracy
- Technology Training and Workforce Education.

Each of the LINCS special collections offers a comprehensive

assortment of materials, resources, and web links for instructors, tutors, program administrators, and adult learners.

Many of the resources are downloadable for use by tutors and teachers. Visitors will also be able to find links to relevant adult and family literacy research, policy issues, articles about practice, and project updates.

The LINCS Special Collections, a service of the National Institute for Literacy, are made available through the work of individuals and organizations from around the country. Each item selected for inclusion in a special collection has been peer-reviewed by a Core Knowledge Group of recognized experts in the field.

Go to: <http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/collections/collections.html> to learn more about the LINCS special collections or contact Jaleh Behroozi (jbehroozi@nifl.gov) or Jo Maralit (mmaralit@nifl.gov) at the National Institute for Literacy 1775 I Street, Suite 730 Washington, DC. 20006.

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the University of Missouri Hospital as an EMT in the emergency room and ambulance.

She has also worked for the Department of Social Services-Child Support Enforcement Information and Training Unit, as the Administrative Assistant to the director and the training manager.

She says this current position "found her."

"I was called to a meeting with Dr. Nancy Headrick, Don Eisinger, & Steve Coffman and they asked me to report to AEL on the upcoming Monday," she explains. "So here I am."

Dana says she definitely feels adult education is important.

"I believe everyone should continue to educate themselves throughout their lives," she says. "When you stop learning, you stop growing as a person. It can be through formal educational institutions, workshops, conferences, books, tapes - whatever. Just keep learning and improving yourself."

An outdoor enthusiast, Dana enjoys repelling, snowboarding, water sports, cycling and especially climbing. In fact, she has summited Mt. St. Helens and spent two weeks on Mt. Baker.

Originally from Jefferson City, she continues to reside in that area. She is mother to two sons, Jamie, 18, and Zachariah, 13, and proud grandmother to 7-month-old granddaughter, Morgan.



Diane Crowder

AEL Instructor Receives Customer Service Award

Rolla Adult Education & Literacy Program instructor Diane Crowder recently received the Customer Service Award from the Missouri One-Stop Career Center in Rolla where she is the AEL and GED Preparatory class instructor.

One-Stop Director Trish Rogers presented the award at the quarterly meeting of the Central Missouri Workforce Investment Board (C-WIB) at the Career Center. Rogers said Crowder displays “exemplary customer service” to students each day as they learn and study under her direction for their GED, as well as other preparatory skills such as job placement and ACT testing.

Crowder has been a special needs and adult basic education instructor through Rolla Technical Institute/Rolla Public Schools for 16 years. In 1995, RTI and the Career Center partnered to provide an AEL classroom at the Center’s facilities as part of the “One-Stop” system implemented by the late Gov. Mel Carnahan.

CareerOneStop Website Connects to Employment, Career Information

The CareerOneStop portal website (www.careeronestop.org) connects users to relevant links, resources, and community services offered over the internet, and directs them to information and services provided through the core products listed below. A Department of Labor initiative, the suite is one of the largest collections of free employment and career resources on the internet.

America’s Job Bank (www.ajb.org) Free access to the biggest and busiest job market in cyberspace, with over a million jobs nationwide and 400,000 resumes online. New jobs are added daily and use is simple. Employers can post job listings and search resumes nationwide. Job seekers can post resumes electronically and reach employers all across the country.

America’s Career InfoNet (www.acinet.org) An electronic storehouse of national, state, and local labor market data with employment trends, wages and more, it also lists millions of employers by industry, occupation, and name. Prevailing wages and living costs anywhere in the country are also accessible.

America’s Service Locator (www.servicelocator.org) Connects users to local offices providing the employment and training services needed. Local One-Stop Career Centers offer information on finding a job, planning a career, locating training, dealing with job loss and recruiting employees. User types in their address to get a map and driving directions to the nearest location providing services sought.

Workforce Tools of the Trade (www.workforcetools.org) Designed to help workforce development professionals gain the knowledge and skills they need to excel at their jobs. Real life examples of what’s happening in the field. Extensive database of training resources and providers. Links to workforce websites across the nation. Interviews with workforce professional. Access to extensive information and publications, including cutting edge research.

O*NET OnLine (<http://online.onetcenter.org>) The Occupational Information Network is an integral component of CareerOneStop. The O*NET database is a comprehensive source of descriptions and skills sets for specific occupations. O*NET OnLine allows both the public and private sector to directly access key data for identifying and developing the skills of the American workforce. Using O*NET information enhances hiring and retention for business, supports workers and students in career planning, and informs the development of skill-based curriculum.

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Management and Peak Performance. He trained extensively at the world famous Menninger Clinic and has taught at the university level.

Dr. Tim assists Fortune 500 companies, businesses and organizations, in: dealing with corporate culture change; managing stress in the workplace; creating highly effective teams; improving customer service; and developing visionary leadership skills.

Both his formal and informal education and life experiences have led him to do what he does best... teach, inspire and guide organizations and individuals to attain their peak performance while realizing their dreams, goals and aspirations.

Motivating topics that Dr. Tim speaks on include: *The Power of a Personal Vision*, *Teamwork: Creating the Winning Edge*, *The Benefits of Humor in the Workplace: Making Laughter Work for You* and others. His presentations are fast paced, interactive, and practical. He is a

frequent guest on television, radio, and the print media and is author of the upcoming book *It's A 1 1 Possible!*



Dr. Tim Crowley

An Owners Manual for Success.

Dr. Tim lives in Missouri and is the proud parent of one "awesome" child, Nicholas. He believes in living life to the fullest and is committed to helping all people find peace, happiness and success. His website is drtimcrowley.com



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What's Happening

Spring MO AEL Director's & Literacy Coordinator's Meeting

*Inn at the Grand Glaize
March 31-April 2, 2004
Lake of the Ozarks, Mo*

2004 COABE National Conference

*The Commission on Adult
Basic Education (COABE)
and the Ohio Association for
Adult and Continuing
Education (OAACE)
April 24 - 28, 2004
Columbus, Ohio
<http://www.coabe04.org/>*

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Week at a Glance

Pre-conference activities will be held Tuesday, June 15; regular registration will begin Wednesday, June 16 at 8 a.m. with the opening session held at 3:30 p.m.

Entertainment, refreshments, and grand opening of exhibits will be held Wednesday evening.

Breakout sessions will continue throughout Thursday; an awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m.; and the evening will end with entertainment and dancing from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Category and business meetings are scheduled for Friday morning with the Capstone speaker planned for 10:45-noon.

Earlybird registration is due May 7. See www.maacce.org for details.